Adulteration of Fertilizers, Insecticides and Chemicals

586. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints regarding adulteration of fertilizers, insecticides and chemicals due to which production is declining every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent this malpractice;

(d) whether any report has been received regarding adulteration of fertilizers from Andhra Pradesh during the last two years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) No case of large scale adulteration of fertilizers, insecticides & chemicals have been reported to the Ministry. By and large good quality of fertilizers & insecticides are being sold in the country. Any decline in crop yield cannot be attributed to the non-availability of good quality fertilizers and insecticides, but rather various factors like untimely rains, unfavourable weather, non adoption of package of practices and imbalanced use of fertilizers play important role in crop productivity.

Fertilizers (Control) Order, 1985 ensures that fertilizers which meet the standards of quality laid down in the Order, are sold to the farmers. Similarly, the quality and sale of pesticides and insecticides are regulated under the provision of Insecticides Act, 1968. The State Governments/UTs are the enforcement agencies and are adequately empowered to take appropriate action under the provisions of the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985/Essential Commodities Act, 1955/lnsecticidesAct, 1968. To ensure that farmers get the standard quality of inputs, States have been advised to regularly check the quality of fertilizers & insecticides. The samples of fertilizers and insecticides are periodically drawn by the notified inspectors for analysis. Training programmes for insecticides and fertilizer Analysts and Inspectors to upgrade their knowledge and functional skills in the analysis and enforcement of various provisions of Insecticides Act and Fertilizers (Control) Order, are

organized, which are followed by periodical review during Zonal Conferences.

(d) and (e) No report on adulternation of Fertilizers in Andhra Pradesh has been reported. However, during last two years i.e. 2003-04 and 2004-05 the percentage of non-standard fertilizer samples reported by "State Govt, was 1.1 and 1.7% respectively.

Dairy development plan for Rajasthan

587. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the objectives and genesis of Consolidated Dairy Development Plan;

(b) the targets, if any, fixed for Rajasthan, under this plan;

(c) the number of proposals that have been received by Government from the Rajasthan Government under the Plan;

(d) the action taken thereon; and

(e) by when the approval is likely to be granted to those proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries has no such consolidated dairy development plan.

(b) to (e) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

Sugarcane production in Tamil Nadu

588. SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sugarcane growers are unable to produce good crop in the absence of technical knowledge of production and quality of agriculture fields in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of assistance being provided by Government to the sugarcane growers alongwith the main features of the scheme for the Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise?